

May 4, 1945

Mr. Ernest Wright  
1331 Holland Street  
Erie, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Wright:

Many thanks for your letter of April 3, 1945. I am glad to know that you are having pictures made and that the same will be forwarded me at an early date.

You ask that I let you know about the game in Detroit. As you know, you are booked with me against the Chicago American Giants for August 5, 1945. In my most recent letter, I wanted to know if you would be interested in a big game in Flint, Michigan, two days thereafter, August 7th. That game should be worth around two thousand dollars. You will receive 25% of the gross receipts as will the other club and will not be subject to any expenses whatever other than board, lodging and travelling.

Flint is only sixty miles from Detroit. Personally, I think your team would benefit much by a rest here in Detroit, on Monday after the Sunday double header.

I am just now in receipt of a letter from Dr. Martin on the same subject. I am sending his letter in order that you might see that he is willing. For the information of both you and Dr. Martin, I want to tell you in confidence that as I understand it, the Detroit owners have now a working agreement with Flint, or possibly have taken over the big park there, which is modern in every respect and which has a seating capacity of thirteen thousand.

We have the big white metropolitan newspapers with us as well as the radio and I would not be surprised if we would have a capacity attendance. Flint is crowded with defense workers. Doubtless, you know that it is the home of the Buick Manufacturing Company, and that almost one hundred thousand are employed by the plant. The population of the city is now two hundred thousand. There is nothing going on there in the way of amusements, consequently, I am sure we could clean up.

Thirty percent of the gate would have to go to the City of Flint for its Community Chest Program; 10% as rent for the park, 10% to me and 50% would go to the clubs. I will pay all the expenses of promoting the game out of my expenses. Now you have the entire picture, and personally I think you are foolish if you don't accept. No other promoter or booking agent will be able to play in Flint, so you might as well understand that right now.

Very truly yours,